



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY 2021**

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian  
Church of New Zealand





# Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

**New to Church?** We do understand that coming to a church meeting can be an uncomfortable experience for many people. We don't want you to feel anxious. Our style is relaxed and friendly and nobody will be put on the spot or asked to do something unfamiliar. ***You can simply be here and observe or participate to the degree you are comfortable.*** You do not have to be a Christian; this is an opportunity, in a non-threatening environment to learn more about who Jesus is and why we want to follow him. If you don't feel like praying, singing, or even standing up you don't need to, no one will think less of you. We will try to explain some aspects of the meeting as we go but we realise that some of our practices may seem strange. If you have any questions about why we do any of the things we do please don't hesitate to ask anyone who's involved with the service. Our pastor would love to answer any questions you have about the service or the message.

## **Children's Ministry - Children are an important part of all we do.**

In the second half of the meeting during the teaching time a program is available for children. ***The children's group***, 3 to 9 years old, will meet in Classroom 3. ***Pre-teens***, over 9 years old, will meet in the Crèche room opposite the hall entrance. This will be a time of interactive fun and teaching at their level so they too can understand the things concerning Jesus. You are **free as families** to send your children to that program **or** to keep them in the main meeting. We encourage children to be part of the main meeting as we believe God's heart for them is large and they too are able to learn the great things of the Christian faith. **There are worksheets available at the back for use during the message if you find this helpful.**

**Crèche: AREA 1** – This is available for **0 to 2 year olds**, during the sermon time, in the room on the right hand side of the building directly opposite the hall entrance. The person running the crèche will be waiting and available at the back of the hall. If they are not there then they will already be serving in the crèche room. **AREA 2** - The back part of the meeting room also has a child-friendly area where parents can feel a little more relaxed with their small children but still join in the worship.

**Thanks again for joining with us this morning. We hope you find the time to be both encouraging and thought provoking. Please join us after the service for coffee, tea and snacks.**

## **Call to Worship** Isaiah 40:28-31<sup>1</sup>

<sup>28</sup> ... The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

<sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

## **Prayer of Approach and Adoration**<sup>2</sup>

### **Songs of Adoration & Praise** *Come Praise and Glorify*

Authors: Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin, 2012

Come praise and glorify our God

The Father of our Lord

In Christ He has in heav'nly realms

His blessings on us poured

For pure and blameless in His sight

He destined us to be

And now we've been adopted through

His Son eternally

*To the praise of Your glory*

*To the praise of Your mercy and grace*

*To the praise of Your glory*

*You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God

Who gives His grace in Christ

In Him our sins are washed away

Redeemed through sacrifice

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<sup>1</sup> All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

<sup>2</sup> Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

In Him God has made known to us  
The myst'ry of His will  
That Christ should be the head of all  
His purpose to fulfill

*To the praise of Your glory  
To the praise of Your mercy and grace  
To the praise of Your glory  
You are the God who saves*

### **INSTRUMENTAL**

Come praise and glorify our God  
For we've believed the Word  
And through our faith we have a seal  
The Spirit of the Lord  
The Spirit guarantees our hope  
Until redemption's done  
Until we join in endless praise  
To God, the Three in One

*To the praise of Your glory  
To the praise of Your mercy and grace  
To the praise of Your glory  
You are the God who saves  
You are the God who saves  
You are the God who saves*

### ***I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say***

*Author: Horatius Bonar*

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down,  
Thy head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary and worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting-place,  
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give

The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's Light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise  
And all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In Him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that Light of Life I'll walk  
Till traveling days are done.

### **Corporate prayer of assurance and thanksgiving** *Psalm 46*

**Leader** God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble.

**People** **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

**Leader** though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains  
tremble at its swelling.

**People** **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the  
holy habitation of the Most High.**

**Leader** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will  
help her when morning dawns.

**People** **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice,  
the earth melts.**

**Leader** The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**People** **Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought  
desolations on the earth.**

**Leader** He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the  
bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

**ALL** ***"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the  
nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is  
with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.***

## **Corporate Profession of Faith** *The Heidelberg Catechism*<sup>3</sup>

**Question 27**     *What do you understand by the providence of God?*

**Answer**             God's providence is His almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

This will normally include opportunity for you to share things you are thankful for or want to ask God for. Though the Pastor is the one who prays aloud we can all pray together and express in our hearts the things that we want to bring to a gracious God. In this way too we practise love and care for one another.

### **Song of preparation for hearing God's Word**

*Yet not I but through Christ in me*

City Alight 2018

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

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<sup>3</sup> The Heidelberg Catechism is a 16<sup>th</sup> Century document designed to teach the biblical faith. A Catechism, meaning "oral instruction", is a helpful means of learning using the method of memorizing and understanding questions and answers.

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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**Scripture reading** Acts 6:8-7:1; 7:35-39, 44-8:1  
(Church Bible p914)



## **Dedication of offering and prayer for children**

Giving to the Lord is a free will offering from the hearts of those who believe in Jesus for salvation. No one will be asked to give; this is simply between you and the Lord. That is why we have a box by the door. Please see endnote (p15) for further information about the offering.

### **Message Acts 6:8-8:1 “Prevailing in Persecution”**

*There are worksheets at the back for children if you wish during the message*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions, next page

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **I. THE REALITY OF PERSECUTION**

- *Purposes, Patience, Presence, Paradise*

### **II. GOD’S PREVAILING PURPOSES**

- A. Abraham, verses 1-8**
- B. Joseph, verses 9-16**
- C. Moses, verses 17-43**
- D. David and Solomon, verses 44-50**
- E. Jesus Christ, verses 51-53**

### III. A PERSEVERING PEOPLE

A. You and I - *Purposes, Patience, Presence, Paradise*

B. Stephen

C. Saul

### CONCLUSION

- *Purposes, Patience, Presence, Paradise*

### **Closing Song** Come Thou Fount

Author: Robert Robinson

Come Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>;  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed I'll be in blood washed linen  
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,  
Take my ransomed soul away;  
Send Thine angels now to carry  
Me to realms of endless day.

## **BENEDICTION<sup>5</sup>**

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<sup>4</sup> Ebenezer is a name meaning “stone of help” and refers to a stone that was set up by the Israelites to remember a victory over the Philistines by God’s help, when previously they had suffered defeat, see 1 Samuel 7:12. The memorial stone represented God’s merciful help to His people; it also therefore represents a fresh beginning, a reversal of course for God’s people. It also says something important about God’s commitment to His redeemed people: His mercies are everlasting; his covenant is forever. As we sing these words it says the same for us. We remember that God has shown us His mercies and faithfulness and so we are strengthened and encouraged to continue to walk by faith in Him and His grace as we go into the unknown future.

<sup>5</sup> Benediction: literally, “good word” or “speak well”; a verbal blessing pronounced in God's name by the Pastor, at the conclusion of the service, sending us forth from this special time as we continue our lives seeking to know and follow Jesus.

## Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

### Scripture Reading Acts 6:8-8:1

1. Why is their always opposition to the Gospel? How is it shown in the history that Stephen recites? How is it shown in their treatment of Stephen? How might we be seeing it in our own day? Do you feel anxious about that? How?
2. In the history which Stephen recites, how do we see:
  - a. God's **purposes** prevailing regardless,
  - b. God's gracious **patience**,
  - c. God's glorious **presence** with His servants, and
  - d. God leading His people to **Paradise**?
3. How do we see God's **purposes, patience, presence and Paradise** in Stephen's martyrdom?
4. As we are introduced to the character of Saul, again how do we see God's **purposes, patience, presence and Paradise**?
5. In the history that Stephen recites, in Stephen's death and in the person of Saul, how are you encouraged to hold fast?

## NOTICES

### Encouragement Groups

#### Glenfield

**When** Every Tuesday, 7:30–9:00 pm  
**Where** **Check with the contact person!**  
**Contact** Tom Wilson 027 785 1332

#### Torbay/Browns Bay

**When** Every Thursday, 7:00-8:30 pm,  
**Where** **Check with the contact person!**  
**Contact** Paul Burton 473 0086 or 021 253 0980

### Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

**When** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, next: 1<sup>st</sup> of August

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 28<sup>th</sup> of July (4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month)  
**Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

### Men's ministry

**What** Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)  
Looking at the issues facing men today in light of the Gospel.

**When** From 6:30 pm, 11<sup>th</sup> of August (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)  
*BBQ, Bible and Brews at Boyds*

**Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

**Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957 or Steve 022 647 0931

***Please note: Men's Ministry is postponed for this month***

### Ladies - Celebrating Ebhana's Birthday

**What** An invitation to the ladies to celebrate with Ebhana Ferguson her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday

**When** Saturday the 17th of July at 11:00 am

**Where** *A'ruma*, 88 Te Oneroa Way, Long Bay

*Please RSVP to [sharmini.paddick@gmail.com](mailto:sharmini.paddick@gmail.com) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of July*

### Fellowship Lunch

- What** Opportunity after Sunday worship to share together over lunch at the Boyd's home. *Come and bring food to share.*
- When** Last Sunday of the month, next is 25<sup>th</sup> of July
- Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
- Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

### Lady's - Coffee, Catch up and Conversation

- What** A bi-monthly coffee catch up to encourage & inspire one another as we grow in Christ together. For all ages and stages.
- When** From 10:00 am, 28<sup>th</sup> of August (last Saturday, each second month)
- Where** *The Stoned Cow Café* in Browns Bay (used to be the post office)  
<https://www.thestonedcow.co.nz/>

### Serving Roster for next Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of July

SHORE KID'S LEADER	CRECHE	KITCHEN & MORNING TEA	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDEN	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP	SUPERVISE PLAY GROUND
TBA	Volunteer	Lydia Song and Raquel Burton	Dennis	Dennis, and Song Family	Dennis, Songs & Volunteers	Volunteers

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***Shore Presbyterian Church Giving Information***

Throughout the Bible the giving of tithes and offerings has always been seen as a part of the believer's worship to God. Apart from other charitable giving it's important for Christians to help financially sustain the ministry of the local church they are a part of. If you wish to become a regular giver at Shore Presbyterian, please see our Treasurer Miriam Burden who can provide you with a number so that you can receive a tax receipt at the end of the financial year. There are two ways to give: you can place your offering in the box in the entrance. If you wish to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year you can put the offering in an envelope with your number on it. You can also give online through automatic deposit. The Shore Presbyterian Church bank account number is 12-3059-0631003-00. Make sure you record your number with the deposit.

If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Peter Boyd (021 0367 957 or [petethepastor@shorepres.org.nz](mailto:petethepastor@shorepres.org.nz)) or with our Church Treasurer Miriam Burden ([imaburden2@gmail.com](mailto:imaburden2@gmail.com)).



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